

Eucharistical Devotions :
OR, A
FORM
OF
PRAYERS

To be daily used
The WEEK before Receiving
OF THE
Holy Sacrament.

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Luke xxii. 19.
This do in Remembrance of me.

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P R E F A C E.

AS Forms of Prayer have been constantly made use of by most pious Christians in all Ages, as well in their private as publick Devotions, so certainly nothing can be more beneficial and advantagious for the devout Offerers, than putting up their Petitions to Almighty God in a well-compos'd Manner, especially at a time they are about to feast on the Marriage-Supper

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per of the Lamb : And as the frequent Participation of the Holy Communion, is a Duty incumbent upon all ; so likewise a due Preparation for the worthy Reception thereof, is not only absolutely necessary, but strictly required. And tho' in order thereunto, we have many excellent Rules, and Methods, already laid down, which if we diligently practise, and imploy our Time as we ought, we may so fit, and prepare our selves, as to presume to approach the Altar of our Lord, where we may by Faith-behold him, and he will graciously receive and comfort us, hear our Petitions, accept our Services, and grant our
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Requests. Yet however, I have thought fit to publish this little Manual of Devotion, and recommend the frequent use of it, to all such religious and devout Persons, who make it their chief Business very often to approach the Holy Altar, and partake of that wonderful Sacrament, which our Saviour Christ hath ordain'd, for a perpetual Memory of his Death and Passion, till his coming again. And as I hope, this small Treatise will be well accepted by such, there being set before them a lively Representation of the most notable and remarkable Passages of Christ's Passion; so I humbly beg the Blessed Jesus (who is particularly ad-

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dress'd to in every one of the following Collects,) will be graciously pleas'd to hear and answer, all the devout Prayers and Supplications of his faithful Servants, give them his Grace, and heavenly Benediction in this Life; and at last bring them to his everlasting Kingdom, of Rest and Glory. Amen.

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BLESSED JESUS, Who at thy approaching Passion with a meek Resignation to thy Father's Will, entredst the Garden, and there sufferedst a most unspeakable Agony: *Grant* I beseech thee, sweet Saviour, that during my Pilgrimage on Earth, I may imitate thy glorious Example of Patience. and humbly submit to thy divine Will and Pleasure. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who praying to thy Heavenly Father, didst with a profound Humility fall flat upon the Earth, leaving us an Example, how and in what manner we ought to prostrate our selves, when we presume to put up our Petitions to the great Creator of the World: Let all my Prayers be continually offered up with that Reverence and external Worship, as may be acceptable and well pleasing to thee my gracious Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.

BLESSED JESUS, Who being supreme Lord of the Angels, yet in the midst of thy bitter Passion and inexpressible Agony, wouldst be comforted by an Angel. *Now* thou art arrived in the Mansions of Bliss, and exalted at the right Hand of the Majesty on high, *Be* thou graciously pleased to intercede for thy Holy Catholick Church, especially *Me* a most unworthy Member of it; that when any Afflictions happen, I may receive Comfort and Consolation from thy most *Holy Spirit. Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Pour in-
to my Heart, I most earnest-
ly beseech thee, that most excel-
lent and incomparable Gift of *Cha-
rity*; and that I may during the
whole course of my Life please
thee both in Will and Deed, make
me continually to be given to all
good Works, religious Actions,
and pious Performances, and al-
ways ready to dedicate my self, and
all that I have to thy Honour and
Service. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who permittedst one of thy Disciples to take Money for thy Life, and to betray thee into the Hands of wicked Men: Grant that all they whose Consciences by Sin are accused, by thy merciful Goodness and infinite Compassion may receive Pardon, Absolution and Forgiveness of all the Sins and Iniquities which they have committed: And be thou pleased to bring into the Way of Truth all such as have err'd, and broken thy Commandments. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who for
our Sakes wert content to
be bound and smitten, and have
that Holy Face, which Angels with
Joy and Wonder do behold, be spit
upon and contemn'd: *Grant* that
I may always pay a chearful Sub-
mission to the Dispensations of
thy good Providence, stedfastly
continue in the Communion of thy
Holy Catholick Church, and in the
Integrity of the Christian Faith,
and after this painful Life ended,
may arrive to those unspeakable
Joys, which are at thy right Hand
for evermore. *Amen.*

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BLESSED JESUS, As all Mankind would have been eternally Miserable, hadst thou not taken upon thee our Nature, and satisfied thy Father's Wrath, by suffering a most ignominious Death upon the Cross for our Transgressions: So for this thy exceeding great Love towards us, I adore thy sacred Name, desiring to have a lasting Remembrance of it in my Heart; and may I diligently observe the Exhortations of thy Ambassadors, the Ministers and Stewards of thy Mysteries, who wait at thy Holy Altar; and there frequently and worthily receive thy Sacred *Body* and *Blood* in that wonderful Sacrament which thou hast left us for a perpetual Memory of thy Death and Passion, till thy second coming in the Clouds with Power and great Glory to Judge the *World, Amen.*

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BLESSED JESUS, Who when thy Apostle St. Peter denyed thee, forsook thee, and forswore thee; yet wert graciously pleas'd to look back upon him, and causedst him to repent: *I entreat* thee to look on me with the same Eyes of thy Mercy, that I may truly and earnestly repent of all my Sins, live in Charity with all the World, obey thy Holy Commandments, and continue thy faithful Souldier and Servant unto my Lives end. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Eternal God and Saviour of the World, our only Advocate and Intercessor, *look* mercifully on me thy unworthy Servant, who bow my Head, and my Knees, and my Heart to thee; *Lord*, I call to remembrance how grievously I have offended thee; Let me with thy great Apostle St. *Peter* weep bitterly for my Offences; Give me a deep Contrition for all my Sins, Grace entirely, presently, and for ever to forsake them: And may the great and glorious *God* of Heaven and Earth forgive my Trespases, and bring me to everlasting Life. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who dwellest in the Palace of immortal Bliss ador'd by innumerable Angels, and encompass'd with the Splendors of inaccessible Light; *Grant* me Pardon, Absolution, and full Remission of all my Sins: *And* that henceforward I may serve thee in newness of Life, and at last be translated to that place of Glory where thou dost reign, together with the *Father* and the *Holy Ghost*, one God World without end. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who wert graciously pleas'd to give an assurance of Bliss to the penitent Thief that was crucify'd with thee, *Grant*, O Lord, that during my continuance on Earth, I may joyfully hear the comfortable Words of thy *Holy Gospel*, and be ever obedient to the same: That so at the conclusion of my Life, I may hear from thee, my Omnipotent Saviour, that long wish'd for Voice of Come and inherit the Kingdom prepared for thee from the beginning of the World. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who wert brought before the *Jews*, and by them mock'd and derided, treated with Scorn and the highest Affronts and Insolencies: Give me Grace to follow thy Example in contemning the World, and bearing the Reproaches thereof with Patience and all manner of Chearfulness: *Lord*, I lift up my Heart to thee, and with all the Host of Heaven adore and magnifie thy holy Name; and may I not live but to love thee, nor breath but to speak thy Praise, and declare the wondrous Works which thou hast done in all the Generations of the World.
Amen.

BLESSED JESUS, Who though truly Innocent, and declar'd so by the President *Pilate*, yet notwithstanding he condemn'd thee to be crucified, and thou vouchsafedst to receive that unjust Sentence against thy Life, when thou couldst have commanded millions of Angels for thy Guard and Rescue, being more desirous to lay it down for our sakes, than they to take it from thee: *Grant* that I may so live, as never to be afraid of Death; May I have always Oil in my Lamp, and be ready to dye for thy sake; that so when thou shalt summon me hence, I may go forth to meet the Bridegroom, and enter into the Joy of my Lord, there to sing Hallelujahs to his holy Name through all eternal Ages. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who wert stript naked, and bound hard with Cords, and whipt most barbarously by thy cruel Persecutors for our Iniquities: *Make* me willing to admit the Rods of thy Correction, who deserve to be beaten with many Stripes; for having so often scourg'd thee by my Transgressions. *But*, O Lamb of God that takest away the Sins of the World, spare me, O Lord, and grant that I may never more scourge thee by my Sins, and crucifie afresh thee the Lord of Life and Glory. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who beside the many other bitter Pains and Agonies which thou enduredst, wert most unmercifully crown'd with Thorns by the disbelieving *Jews*: *Grant*, that I running the way of thy Commandments, and persevering in my Duty to the end, may inherit thy celestial Kingdom, and receive that Crown of Glory which thou hast promis'd to all thy faithful Followers. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who after thou hadst undergone and suffer'd so much, wert yet forc'd to bear on thy own Shoulders thy Cross, till the Load was too great, and did sink thy tender and virgin Body to the Earth, when one *Simon* a Cyrenean was compell'd to bear it after thee: *Let* me, I beseech thee, constantly bear the Cross of Mortification, and never be asham'd of the Cross of thee my dearest Saviour; but triumph and glory, rejoyce and be exceeding glad, whenever thou shalt count me worthy to suffer for thy sake. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who in that painful Journey wherein thou traveledst to mount *Caval-ry*, there to be tortur'd to Death upon the Cross for the Sins of the World, didst admonish the Women that wept over thee, to weep for themselves: *Grant* that I may always grieve and mourn for my Sins, and for the Sins of Mankind, which occasion'd thee the *Son* of the most high *God* to leave the Mansions of thy Glory, and take upon thee our Flesh, and suffer Death for us, to redeem us from eternal Misery, and bring us to thine everlasting Kingdom. *A-men.*

BLESSED JESUS, Whose holy Hands and Feet were nail'd on the Cross, and the Cross being set in a hollownes of the Earth, did in the fall rend thy Wounds wider; and there naked and bleeding, sick and faint, didst hang upon the weight of thy Wounds three long hours, fulfilling thy Office of a *Mediator*; *Fasten*, I pray thee, my Sins to thy Cross, and bury them in thy Grave, that they may never rise up against me to shame me here, or condemn me in the World to come. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who when thy Sufferings were accomplished, didst freely give up the Ghost: *Grant* that I having continued a true Member of thy Holy Catholick Church Militant here in Earth, at the end of my Race, when my Soul departs from the Body, it may be presented spotless before thy Throne, and received into the Communion of thy Church Triumphant above, there with the blessed Spirits of the upper lovely Regions, eternally to adore our Creator, and sing Praises to our God, and to the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Whose precious Side was pierc'd through with a Spear, from whence issued Water and Blood, representing the two Sacraments which thou hast ordained as necessary to Salvation, that of Baptism and the Lord's Supper: *Grant* that as I have been a partaker of the one; so I may frequently receive the other, to my great Comfort in this Life, and for the Salvation of my immortal Soul in the Life to come. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, I behold thee stretch'd upon the Cross, with thy Arms spread ready to to embrace and receive all Mankind into thy Bosom. *O! Let the Blood that ran from thy precious Wounds, wash and cleanse my filthy and polluted Soul from all Sin and Uncleannefs. O! Let it purge my Conscience from dead Works, that I may serve thee the living God, and be filled with thy Heavenly Grace and Benediction. Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who wert by *Joseph* taken down from the Cross, and wrapt in clean Linnen, and buried in a new Tomb, which he had hewn out of a Rock: *Make* me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me: That I may have a fit Habitation for thy Holy Spirit, enter into me and take Possession of my Heart, and dwell with me for ever; and may my Soul dissolve into Reverence and Love to attend and entertain so glorious a Guest. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who at the Marriage Feast in *Cana of Galilee* didst turn Water into Wine, by thy miraculous Power: *Let* the Almighty Power of thy Grace, I beseech thee, cloath me with the Wedding Garment thou requirest to receive the Bridegroom of my Soul: *May* thy Banquet of Love turn all my Sorrows into Joy: And mayst thou by my partaking of thy blessed *Body* and *Blood*, dwell in me now by Faith, and I evermore with thee in the Fruition of thy glorious Godhead.
Amen.

BLESSED JESUS, Who when *Joseph* had layn thee in the Grave, and rolled a great Stone to the Door of the Sepulchre and departed, wert pleas'd to lye there till the third Day, the glorious Morning of thy Resurrection: *Grant* that I worthily receiving from thy Holy *Altar* thy Sacred *Body* and *Blood*, may ever conserve it in a clean Heart and Body, and be everlastingly comforted. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, The great
Captain of our Salvation, who
having conquer'd Death, Hell,
and the Grave, and overcome all
the Powers of Darkness, didst rise
the third day in a Noble Triumph
from the Dead: *Grant* that I may
rise to eternal Life at the general
Resurrection at the last day, when
thou shalt come again unto us to
render to every Man according to
his Works. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who after thy Resurrection wert graciously pleas'd to comfort thy Disciples with thy glorious Presence: *Comfort* me, I beseech thee, with the assistances of thy most Holy Spirit, that I may be led to the fulfilling of thy Divine Will here; and may see thee Face to Face, and for ever enjoy thee in thy Kingdom of Glory hereafter. *Amen.*

BLESSED JESUS, Who after thy Resurrection didst converse with thy Disciples for forty days, convincing them, that thou wert really risen from the Dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept, opening and expounding to them the Holy Scriptures, instructing them in all the Mysteries of Faith, and shewing the necessity of thy Suffering, before thou entredst into Glory: *Let my Conversation be pure, holy, and acceptable to thee; Let me love thee above all things, and be loved by thee: May I obey thy Precepts, and observe thy Laws, and delight to fulfil thy Will, O my God: And may I be crown'd with thy Favours and Blessings in this Life, and with immortal Glory in the Life to come. Amen,*

BLESSED JESUS, Who didst triumphantly ascend up into Heaven in the sight of thy Disciples, and now sittest at the right Hand of the Majesty on high, on whose Throne above all the glorify'd Spirits continually wait, singing Praises, and never-ceasing Hymns, and eternal Anthems to thee our Sovereign King: *O Lord God*, Lamb of God, I prostrate myself before thee, and humbly offer up my Heart and Voice to joyn in that blessed Choire: Beseeching thee to *grant*, That I may set my Affections not on things of this World, but on things above, soaring continually upwards to the Element of Love, to the Seat of God, and the Inheritance of thee the ever blessed Jesus. To which happy Place, may I at last by thy infinite Power and Goodness be exalted, there to rejoyce with thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BLESSED JELUS, Who
didst send thy *Holy Ghost* the
Comforter upon thy *Church*, and
promis'd that he should abide with
us for ever: *Let* the same *Holy*
Ghost enflame my Heart with the
burning Beams of the Divine Love:
And make me continually yield
acceptable Thanks to the Holy
and glorious *Trinity*; To whom,
three Persons and one God, be
rendred by Angels, and Men and
all Creatures, all Honour, Glory,
Power, Praise and Adoration, now,
henceforth, and for evermere. *A-*
men.

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bless me. The regal Divi-
nity protect me. The everlasting
Deity keep me. The glorious
Unity comfort me. The incom-
prehensible Trinity defend me.
The inestimable Goodness direct
me. The Power of the Father
govern me. The Wisdom of the
Son quicken me. The Vertue of
the Holy Ghost illuminate me,
and be with me now and for e-
ver. *Amen.*

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